

# PCOTC

PORT CHESTER  
OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

# Sit 'n Stay

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## Calendar of Events

*Events are held at the PCOTC facility unless otherwise noted.*

- Oct 8 **AKC Scent Work Trial**
- Oct 22 **Sarah Westcott Agility Seminar**
- Oct 22 **PCOTC Club Meeting**  
6PM - 8PM
- Oct 29 **Obedience Run-Thru**
- Nov 5 **Obedience Trial**
- Nov 11-12 **AKC Agility Trial**  
*at Dream Dogs Training Center*
- Nov 19 **Cooperative Care Workshop**
- Dec 3 **Monique Plinck Agility Seminar**
- Dec 10 **Obedience Run-Thru**
- Dec 10 **PCOTC Club Meeting**  
5:30PM - 7:30PM



Rick Ritacco and River  
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### Sit 'n Stay

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## President's Message

Hi folks! Let me introduce you to my current dog, Belle. Belle is a two-year-old Standard Poodle. Her sire is a half brother to Siba, the 2019 Westminster Best In Show. Practically every dog in her pedigree is a GCH or a CH. There are no obedience or agility titles in five generations except for a great grandsire who is a CDX RA. It appears that she was bred only for conformation but I didn't care. After all I thought, I can train any dog to earn its obedience titles! Those of you who have taken classes with Belle well know that she is a work in progress – easily distracted and aroused – and far from actually competing, but I'm confident that one day I'll bring that goal to fruition.

Belle and I take daily, *miles* long walks that make no dent in her energy level. So, I bought her a treadmill and taught her to go 30 minutes at 4mph. Yet, she remains ready for more action. Recently, I attended a nose work demonstration taught by our new instructor, Jessica Dinowitz. I was impressed with Jessica's class and, perhaps more importantly, so was Belle! I have never seen Belle so focused and eager to participate. Belle's enthusiasm led me to register for Jessica's Intro to Nose Work class with the hope of pursuing the sport. If Belle, my wild child, enjoys nose work as much as I think she will, it will turn out to be a fun, unique and exhilarating experience for both of us. But, for Belle, she has the chance to do what dogs love most – using her nose!

I will keep you informed of our progress, and it may inspire some of you to participate in an additional sport with your own dogs. Come join us in nose work!

– **Ken Berenson**, [kennethberenson@verizon.net](mailto:kennethberenson@verizon.net)



Belle beside her treadmill

# Club Doings

## A Great Turnout for PCOTC'S Open House!

by Morgaána Menzel

PCOTC invited the public to come to our Open House event on Sunday, June 11th, 2023 and it was a smashing success!

We had our guests experience the joy and thrill of dog training and dog sport at PCOTC. We offered many experiences in four set-up rings, with skilled handlers and instructors walking our guest teams through the concepts of each sport. We represented the Therapy Dogs Program, Family Manners, Tricks, Rally-O, Nosework/Scentwork, Agility, and Obedience.



Our guests had many questions and thanks to our super knowledgeable team of PCOTC

Instructors and Member Volunteers, those questions were answered and our guests were left with a new sense

of purpose in the direction they wanted to take their dog and all the possibilities they have on their training journey going forward.

Many ended up taking classes and were thrilled at the wonderful day they experienced with their canine partner.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out wherever needed and to Sharon Ripps for being the driving force behind the scenes to make the event happen.



We look forward to hosting another PCOTC Open House next Spring.

**Check out the activities here and on the next page!**

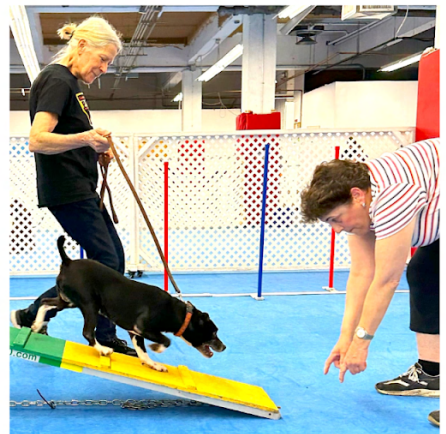


Photos left to right: Members gathering; Robert Amen demos front dumbbell retrieve; Susan Knapp-Cook taking a guest team through a tire; Rhoswyn Fae Tricks demo, putting toys away; Guest signing in. Photos courtesy of Morgaána Menzel and Heather Domi.

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## A Great Turnout for PCOTC'S Open House!

*Photos courtesy of Morgaána Menzel and Heather Domi*



Photos left to right, top to bottom: Spectators watching demos; Rickie Halperin Haas guides a guest team through Rally-O course; George Berger and Therapy Dog teams greeting guests; Rick Pisani demos front recall at the Obedience ring; Kathie Nurena guides a future nose work team; "Coming through!": Priscilla Rahner helps a guest team on contacts at Agility demo.

# Agility

## ***Trials & Jubilations*** **International Competition**

*by Heather Witt*

My darling, loud, tiny Sheltie, Rowan and I, recently attended our second IFCS World Agility Championship (WAC) as members of Team USA. The WAC event is put on by IFCS, an organization that includes 11 different countries. The USDAA is the U.S. member organization that recruits the team for the event.

We first made the 2020 team when we went to Texas to compete in the Masters Challenge Agility Cup where our performance earned us an invite to the team. Covid lockdown put a pause on the WAC until 2022 when we had a chance to compete in the Netherlands. This was an exhilarating experience as we won Gold in Individual Gamblers and were invited to represent again in 2023. This year, the WAC took us to the lovely, bucolic area of Newark, England. Team USA consisted of 20 handlers and 23 dogs from all across the U.S.

As I looked forward to the challenge, I felt an interesting mix of pressure to repeat my previous performance and acceptance that the outcome was not entirely under my control. It was the team's spirit and support, and the experience of having "survived" last year that helped me be in a good head space this year. It was the agility "mental game" that had a significant impact on my performance. The result . . . Team Relay Gold and Individual Standard Bronze, two trips to the podium (Rowan's happy place – for real) and two medals!

Four days later, after the conclusion of the world competition, eight members of Team USA stayed for the United Kennel Club International Agility Festival, a 4-day, 17-ring outdoor trial, just an hour up the road. How could I pass it up?! There were 120 to 170 dogs in each height class. Rowan took 2nd in Finals in the

International Class and had many other 2nd and 3rd places over the four days.

The experience of competing in other countries, surrounded by people speaking different languages but with the same passion for our beloved dogs and this wonderful sport is incomparable. It makes the world feel like a kinder and more hopeful place.

So, what international adventure is team Fly'n Squirrel up to next? – Brittany, France for IFCS WAC 2024. To try out for the team, all you need do is send in videos of some competition runs to USDAA. The team for 2024 will be selected from the videos of applicants. [USDAA Team USA Selection Application 2024 IFCS World Agility Championships](#)

Hope to see you in France in 2024!



Heather and Rowan; WAC Team USA, Rowan and her ribbons

# Agility

## ***Trials & Jubilations***

### **TonTon: From Zoomie Doggie to Westminster Finalist 2023**

*by Yukiko Hanes*

Five years ago, if anyone would have told me that I would be running with TonTon at the Westminster final in Arthur Ashe Stadium, I would have laughed at them. *What a crazy thought!!* How could my dog, who used to run zoomies in every single class, possibly run with me like other brilliant star agility teams in an environment filled with distractions – cameras, loud speakers, bright lights, and a crowd of people?! It could be only a joke!!!

On May 6th, 2023, at 7pm, however, we were outside the stadium waiting to run in the Westminster agility finals.

After losing my dog in a car accident as a teenager, I avoided getting a dog. But when my youngest son became a teen, I slowly prepared myself for a dog by volunteering at the SPCA and walking my neighbor's dog. Gradually, I began to search for the kind of a dog who would enjoy traveling with me and who would perhaps do pet therapy. I eventually found a puppy in Texas who I named, TonTon.

After a few months, I contacted the vet at the SPCA, Lauren Stein VMD, to ask about training. She recommended that I take a Family Manners class at PCOTC. We started Misa Martin's class, where we struggled to find a food reward that was motivating to TonTon. He did not seem at all food motivated. He preferred running amok with his favorite tennis ball and playing by himself. With help from Misa and an online course about using play to motivate dogs, I was able to use a combination of food reward and ball to build motivation.

While at the club, we visited Lauren in her agility class taught by Soshana Dos. With TonTon's newfound motivation and inspiration from Soshana's class, we started taking foundation agility classes with Stephen

McKay, often having to repeat classes as TonTon continued to have outbursts of the zoomies. But, I am glad and grateful to Stephen that he encouraged us to keep at it and build foundations slowly and steadily.

TonTon also struggled with staying in his crate. One day, a classmate kindly pointed out to me that TonTon seemed to have crate anxiety – he was scared to be locked in his crate. Luckily, Jamie McKay was often present before the start of Stephen's class and her advice on helping TonTon be comfortable in his crate was valuable – I just needed to

work on changing TonTon's feeling about his crate.



While I continued to work on these issues, I went to club trials without TonTon to volunteer, and to learn how agility trials ran. I also began going to agility seminars and reading up on dog behavior. A Denise Fenzi seminar

held at the club was one of the first seminars I attended. Her enthusiasm for dog training and her openness to questions increased my interest in learning more about dog behavior and dog training myself. I went to more seminars – Kamal Fernandez on impulse control, Bronagh Daly on Control Unleashed, agility seminars by Ana Eifert and Kerry Smith, and others.

There was also help from friends. Virginia Hagan, Kathy Vicari, and I would rent the training studio at the club to practice, and we would meet up at Rye Playland Beach with Lauren, Virginia, and Dana Rocco in the early hours of the morning to work on TonTon's recall and ball retrieval.

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# Agility

## ***Trials & Jubilations***

### **TonTon: From Zoomie Doggie to Westminster Finalist 2023**

All of this contributed to TonTon and me slowly improving as a team until we finally started trialing. One of the first trials was outside. I was scared that I would lose TonTon if his zoomies kicked in, but Jamie and Stephen were kind enough to secure both ring exits. Not only did we survive two runs, but, miraculously, TonTon ran one of them clean!!

Encouraged that we were slowly getting better, just before the pandemic, we started trialing in AKC, ISC, as well as UKI venues. But we hit the wall again. After finally getting into the master level both in JWW and Standard, TonTon started getting his zoomies in the middle of the run. I had to step back to build TonTon's confidence. I had him take only a few obstacles in the trials that I entered, often driving more than four hours round trip to take just two obstacles. For several months, we looked for more opportunities to train in the ring.

Last November, I was amazed to achieve Master Agility Champion, which qualified us to enter the Westminster show. The week before the show, I had an opportunity to train with Stefanie Rainer who helped us build confidence by giving us extra distractions around tunnels and weaves.

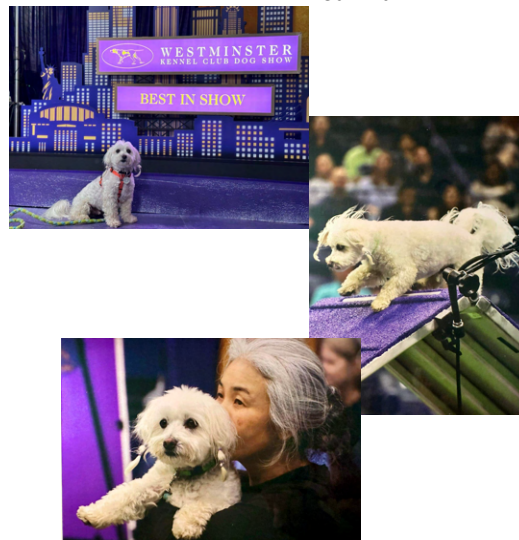
At the same time, Soshana Dos gave us extra AKC style courses to practice, and I had the opportunity to contact

Kamal Fernandez who remembered me as a brand-new dog owner who lacked confidence. His comment that our dogs are in tune with us struck me and helped me to clear my mind and emotions at the Westminster show.

We went to Westminster just to have a good time, so I was shocked when we made it to finals. Our run at the final was not the fastest, but I was enormously proud of my TonTon for staying focused on running with me. And finally, I was proud of myself, enjoying being in the moment with my precious buddy, TonTon.

I am thankful for each person and dog who helped us come this far, and so grateful for the dog sport and PCOTC communities for nurturing us to grow and reach farther.

Photos: p. 6, Misa Martin; p. 7, top, Yukiko Hanes; bottom two Steve Surfman



# Agility

## PCOTC's May 12-14 Agility Trials

### A Note of Thanks

*by Angela Wormser and Barbara Baltz, Trial Chairs*

We would like to thank everyone who attended our annual May AKC agility trial. A trial cannot be successful without volunteers. Many PCOTC members helped out including some who traveled to volunteer even though they were not entered in the trial. Thanks also to the many nonmembers who volunteered throughout the trial.

The Chief Ring Stewards Renee Mininni, Judi Landon, Alisa Greenwald, Laura Lynn Rollins and Sue Baker ensured that the rings ran smoothly and on time! Due to the hard work of volunteers, we finished on or close to schedule every day!!

Huge thanks to Stephen McKay - our chief course builder. He kept the trial running smoothly and on time. Many people stepped up to help build the courses.

Special thanks to Yukiko Hanes, Sarah Johnson, CC and Darrell Dwyer, Gwen Buchalter, Ro Kinzler, Jane McLaughlin, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Tamara Lazarus, and CJ (Carla Jo Wagenstein), who learned a volunteer job and worked all day Friday!! Misa Martin, Mitch and Joanne Bernstein volunteered to do "grounds" as well as working multiple volunteer positions. Eve Ehrlich made sure we were all very well taken care of with her awesome hospitality.

We extend our thanks to Jamie McKay who organized the worker and NQ raffles as well as the ribbons. Jamie also assisted everyone with their positions and could answer any question we needed answered.

Many thanks to all the experienced competitors who stepped up to support the nine Novice A exhibitors and made their experiences positive and fun. The Novice A exhibitors loved the "swag" bags provided by Jamie McKay.

Special thanks to our wonderful hardworking judge Robert Thompson PhD. We can't forget to mention Susan Thompson of Fast Times agility for her support and endless paperwork!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to support the AKC Junior World team. The raffled jump, donated by the McKays, was won by Ebba Grumieux!

We thank our vendors Nancy Sconza, Taylor Macy Grieco, Rosalinda Finiguerra Garcia and Emme Quinn and the Girl Scouts for providing some retail therapy and donations to our worker raffle! We are also grateful to PCOTC members Jamie and Stephen McKay, Marge Howell, Sharon Ripps, Sarah Johnson for raffle donations. Much appreciation to Elite Sciences for donating 1-TDC for our raffle and sending coupons for exhibitors.

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# Agility

## PCOTC's May 12-14 Agility Trials

Special congratulations to our very own Jacqueline Soccodato and Buster who earned PACH 2! Congratulations to Karen Schelling and Popin Jay for earning MACH 3, Karen Evans and Stevie Girl for earning MACH 2 and Russ Thorpe and Shambhu for earning PACH 3.

Last but not least, thanks to our furry and (some not so furry) companions for stepping up to the line with us, doing their best and giving us so much love!

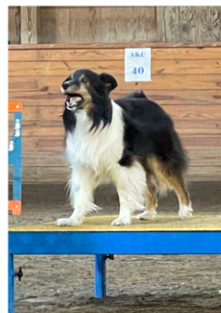
With our love and gratitude,



Left to right: Wonderful Judge, Dr. Robert Thompson and Trial Secretary, Susan Thompson with Trial Chairs, Angela Wormser and Barbara Baltz



Photos top to bottom, left to right: Misa Martin's Ipso Facto celebrating his win; Scorch holding that stay with his handler, Stephen McKay; Handlers walking the course; trial chairs, Angela Wormser and Barbara Baltz with Jacqueline Soccodato and PACH 2 Buster; Handlers paying close attention; Trial secretary, Susan Thompson with Jacqueline Soccodato after Buster's PACH 2 run; Laura Lynn Rollins and Miz Biscuit sticking that A-frame contact; Tease McKay directing her handler, Stephen; Angela Wormser and Misa Martin's, Jambo discuss handling options; Mitch Bernstein and Barbara Shubinski with Zusa. Photos courtesy of Jamie McKay and Misa Martin



# Obedience

## Obedience Trials July 30, 2023

by Bruce Sheffler

PCOTC held two obedience trials on July 30, 2023. Both trials filled to capacity and by all accounts were quite successful. All regular classes, Novice A & B, Open A & B and Utility A & B were offered as were Beginner Novice A & B and Preferred classes in all three levels.

Bill Craig made an encore as judge of one of the trials and Lynn Curry came up from Virginia to judge the other. Lynn is a well known and respected judge who was in the area for years. She graciously helped out when the original judge had to back out.

A number of members competed but a special shout out to Sue Sperling who finished her Novice title with her mini American Shepherd, Lucy, with a first place and a score of 198 in the first trial and a first place and score of 198.5 in the second, narrowly edging out Bob Amen's new puppy Snap by 1/2 a point. And, keeping it in the family, Sue also got first place with Lucy's father in the Open A class.

Alberto Ferrer and Michael Turschmann, both students of Rick Pisani, did great in Novice A going first and

second in the first trial and Alberto took first in the second trial too. Linda Seaver also got a leg in Novice B and Michele Trummer got a leg in Beginner Novice B with her young dog, Sparkle. Rick Pisani and his border collie Tom were impressive once again taking first place in both Utility B classes.

The spectators and participants were treated to a special showing by Petra Ford's Labradors. Her young dog received a score of 200 in its first time showing in the Open B class. A 200 is a perfect score and is very rarely awarded in Obedience trials. Her older Labrador in the same class came in second with a 199.5.

A special thanks to all the stewards and volunteers who worked so efficiently and skillfully to produce two great events for all involved.



Photo courtesy of Morgaána Menzel

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# Nose Work / Scent Work

## EXPLAINER: AKC Scent Work Trials

by Barb Del Rowe, CTC, CPDT-KA, CSAT, CNWI

There are various organizations offering scent sport competitions, but the AKC and the NACSW are the major players and the ones that hold the most trials in our area. With PCOTC hosting an **AKC Scent Work Trial on October 8**, and the number of new nose work students at the club, it is worthwhile explaining the difference between these two venues, and how to get started.\*

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# Nose Work / Scent Work

## EXPLAINER: AKC Scent Work Trials

**Entering an AKC Scent Work Trial** To trial in an AKC Scent Work trial, the dog must be registered with the AKC. To find scent work trials, go to the [AKC Events](#) page > Select Event Type > Scent Work. This will bring up a calendar showing all the scent work trials scheduled in each month at that point in time.

Each event listing will include the name of the club, location, date, and when the trial entries open and close. Clicking on a particular event will take you to the event's page where you will be able to download the **premium** for that trial. The premium contains various information about the trial and the **entry form** that you will submit as instructed in the premium.

**The Divisions** AKC Scent Work is broken down into two divisions. The **Odor Search Division**, in which the dog is searching for the target odor of one or more specific essential oils, and the **Handler Discrimination Division**, in which the dog is searching for the scent of their handler.

**The Target Odors** In the Odor Search Division, four odors are used: **birch, anise, clove, and cypress**. The number and combination of odors increases with increasing difficulty levels. In the Handler Discrimination Division, the target odor is that of the handler – a scented article from the handler is concealed in a container, interior, or exterior.

**The Elements** Searches in Scent Work are completed in a variety of environments, called **elements**. The elements in AKC Scent Work are **container, interior, exterior, and buried**.

**The Difficulty Levels** Dogs will begin with the Novice level and move up as they earn titles. Factors such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with difficulty level.

Teams are judged on a qualify/non-qualify basis. In order to earn a qualifying leg, the handler-dog team must find and call all hides in a search area within the time allowed for the class without committing any non-qualifying faults.

**AKC Titling Levels** Each element in both divisions has four difficulty levels: **Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master**. Dogs begin with Novice level classes and move up as they earn titles, and may progress through the elements at different speeds (e.g., a dog may compete in the Novice Interior class and at the same time the Advanced Container class).

Element titles are earned after three qualifying scores in an element and an overall title is earned when titles are earned for all four elements at a given level.

The Detective class is the highest-level competition in AKC Scent work. It is an integrated search environment with an unknown number of hides (between 5-10) and odor types in a variety of elements. The Detective class intends to emulate as closely as possible the work of a true detection dog. The Detective title is earned after achieving 10 qualifying performances.



Photo courtesy Morgaána Menzel

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# Nose Work / Scent Work

## EXPLAINER: AKC Scent Work Trials

### AKC SCENT WORK TRIALS AT A GLANCE

| CONTAINER                              |                                    |   |   |  |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| LEVEL                                  | Novice                             | Advanced  | Excellent   | Master   |
| <b>Scent</b>                           | Birch                              | Birch and/or Anise                                  | Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove                     | Birch and/or Anise, and/or Clove, and/or Cypress     |
| <b># of Containers</b>                 | 10                                 | 15  | 20  | 20   |
| <b>Types of containers</b>             | Identical cardboard boxes          | Various size and type                               | Various size and type                               | Various size and type                                |
| <b>Arrangement</b>                     | 2 rows of 5 containers             | 3 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation    | 4 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation    | 4 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation     |
| <b>Minimum distance b/w containers</b> | 12" in all directions 36" b/w rows | 12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" b/w row | 12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" b/w row | 12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" b/w rows |
| <b># of Hides</b>                      | 1 (known)                          | 2 (known)   | 3 (known)   | 1-3 (unknown)  |
| <b>Time Limit</b>                      | 2 minutes                          | 2 minutes   | 3 minutes   | 4 minutes  |
| <b>Distractions</b>                    | None                               | 1 non-food distraction                              | 2- non-food, food, auditory, or visual              | 3- non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic |
| <b>Required calls</b>                  | Alert only                         | 2 Alert calls and Finish                            | 3 Alert calls and Finish                            | Alert(s) and Finish                                  |
| <b>Size of search area</b>             | 250-400 sq ft                      | 400-600 sq ft                                       | 600-800 sq ft                                       | 600-800 sq ft  |
| INTERIOR                               |                                    |   |   |  |
| LEVEL                                  | Novice                             | Advanced  | Excellent   | Master   |
| <b>Scent</b>                           | Birch                              | Birch and/or Anise                                  | Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove                     | Birch and/or Anise, and/or Clove, and/or Cypress     |
| <b># of Hides</b>                      | 1 (known)                          | 2 (known)   | 3 (known)   | 0-3 per area 2-6 per class (unknown)                 |
| <b>Blank area</b>                      | None                               | None  | None  | Maximum 1  |
| <b>Time Limit</b>                      | Set by judge; 1-3 minutes          | Set by judge; 1-3 minutes                           | Set by judge; 1-3 minutes per search area           | Set by judge; 1-3 minutes per search area            |
| <b>Distractions</b>                    | None                               | 1 non-food  | 2 non-food, food, auditory, or visual               | 3 non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic  |
| <b>Required calls</b>                  | Alert only                         | 2 Alert calls and Finish                            | 3 Alert calls and Finish                            | Alert(s) and Finish                                  |
| <b>Max Height of Hides</b>             | 24" (2 ft)                         | 36" (3 ft)  | 48" (4 ft)  | 60" (5 feet)   |
| <b>Accessibility</b>                   | Accessible only                    | Accessible only                                     | 1 hide may be inaccessible                          | All hides may be inaccessible                        |
| <b>Size of search area</b>             | 100-200 sq ft                      | 200-400 sq ft                                       | 2 areas; 400-800 sq ft total                        | 3 areas; 600-1000 sq ft total                        |
| EXTERIOR                               |                                    |   |   |  |
| LEVEL                                  | Novice                             | Advanced  | Excellent   | Master   |
| <b>Scent</b>                           | Birch                              | Birch and/or Anise                                  | Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove                     | Birch and/or Anise, and/or Clove, and/or Cypress     |
| <b># of Hides</b>                      | 1 (known)                          | 2 (known)   | 3 (known)   | 1-4 (unknown)  |
| <b>Time Limit</b>                      | Set by judge; 2-4 minutes          | Set by judge; 2-4 minutes                           | Set by judge; 3-5 minutes                           | Set by judge; 3-5 minutes                            |
| <b>Distractions</b>                    | None                               | 1 non-food  | 2 non-food, food, auditory, or visual               | 3 non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic  |
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| <b>Size of search area</b>             | 200-400 sq ft                      | 400-800 sq ft                                       | 800-1500 sq ft                                      | 1500-2000 sq ft                                      |

# Nose Work / Scent Work

## EXPLAINER: AKC Scent Work Trials

### AKC SCENT WORK TRIALS AT A GLANCE

| BURIED                         |  |                           |                                       |   |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| LEVEL                          | Novice   | Advanced                  | Excellent                             | Master  |
| <b>Scent</b>                   | Birch  | Birch and/or Anise        | Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove       | Birch and/or Anise, and/or Clove, and/or Cypress          |
| <b># of Hides</b>              | 1 (known)                                      | 2 (known)                 | 3 (known)                             | 1-4 (unknown)   |
| <b># of Containers</b>         | 6  | 8                         | 12                                    | 16  |
| <b>Arrangement</b>             | 2 rows of 3                                    | Any                       | Any                                   | Any   |
| <b>Search Time</b>             | 2 minutes                                      | 3 minutes                 | 4 minutes                             | 5 minutes   |
| <b>Depth</b>                   | 4 inches                                       | 4 inches                  | 4 inches                              | 4 inches  |
| <b>Distance b/w Containers</b> | Min 36 inches                                  | Min 36 inches             | Min 36 inches                         | Min 36 inches   |
| <b>Distractions</b>            | None   | 1 non-food                | 2 non-food, food, auditory, or visual | 3 non-food, food, auditory, visual, human, or mimic       |
| <b>Required calls</b>          | Alert  | 2 Alert calls and Finish  | 3 Alert calls and Finish              | Alert(s) and Finish                                       |
| <b>Size of search area</b>     | 1500-200 sq ft                                 | 200-400 sq ft             | 300-400 sq ft                         | 400-500 sq ft   |
| HANDLER DISCRIMINATION         |  |                           |                                       |   |
| LEVEL                          | Novice   | Advanced                  | Excellent                             | Master  |
| <b>Search Environment</b>      | Container                                      | Interior                  | Exterior                              | At least 2 different                                      |
| <b># of Hides</b>              | 1  | 1                         | 1                                     | 3   |
| <b>Article</b>                 | Cotton glove/cotton sock                       | Cotton balls/swabs        | Cotton balls/swabs                    | Cotton balls/swabs  |
| <b># of Scents</b>             | 1 handler; 1 judge                             | 1 handler; 1 judge        | 1 handler; 1 judge                    | 3 handler, 1 judge, 1 steward                             |
| <b>Max Height</b>              | On ground                                      | 24" (2 ft)                | 24" (2 ft)                            | 24" (2 ft)  |
| <b>Distractions</b>            | None   | None                      | 1 non-food                            | 1 or 2, non-food, food, visual, auditory, human, or mimic |
| <b>Time</b>                    | 2 minutes                                      | Set by judge; 2-5 minutes | Set by judge; 3-6 minutes             | Set by judge; 2-3 minutes per search area                 |
| <b>Search Area Size</b>        | 250-400 sq ft                                  | 250-400 sq ft             | 400-600 sq ft                         | 2 areas; 300-800 sq ft total                              |
| DETECTIVE CLASS                |  |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Scents</b>                  | Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Search Area Size</b>        | 5-10 per course                                |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Known or Unknown Hides</b>  | 2000-5000 sq ft total                          |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Distractions</b>            | 4-6; any type                                  |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Max Height</b>              | No maximum                                     |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Time</b>                    | Set by judge; 7-15 minutes                     |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Required Calls</b>          | Alerts and Finish                              |                           |                                       |   |
| <b>Accessibility</b>           | All hides may be inaccessible                  |                           |                                       |   |

Source: Regulations of AKC Scent Work 2019

\*The NACSW *Explainer* will appear in the Fall 2023 issue of *Sit 'n Stay*.

# Of Interest . . .

## TRAINING: Virtual Competition

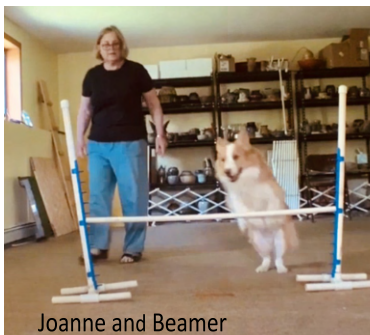
by Joanne Sheffler

Many of our members are familiar with the Fenzi Dog Sports Academy, offering online dog training classes and workshops, a helpful supplement to in-person classes. It is owned and founded by Denise Fenzi, who has presented a couple of memorable seminars at PCOTC. What may not be as familiar as the classes is the TEAM titles program.

The team programs offer a virtual titling opportunity in four categories: Obedience, Cooperative Care, Rally, and Nosework. Each sport has multiple levels progressing in complexity. From the Fenzi Team website:

Levels 1, 2 and 3 are designed to test important foundation skills for teams who wish to pursue many types of dog sports including obedience, rally, agility, field work, tricks, freestyle and more. Dogs that can demonstrate these core skills will be in an excellent position to learn routines and skills specific to their chosen sport. Details for Levels 1, 2 and 3 are located on the individual level pages. All levels may be completed in the same familiar location. Once each level is completed, the title "TEAM1," "TEAM2" and "TEAM3" may be added after your dog's name.

Truthfully, although you won't find it on the website, it is a test of your ability to follow directions *and* your cinematography skills!



Joanne and Beamer

Virtual competition became popular during the Covid shutdown. It's kind of a fun way albeit frustrating at times, to challenge the skills of your dog and yourself. Especially good for dogs that don't work their best in

public or for handlers who experience anxiety (not to mention panic) in the competition ring. It gives a goal to work towards and the satisfaction of doing well.

To challenge ourselves, we tried Team 1 Obedience. Classes here at PCOTC more than prepared us for the exercises. This [short video](#) for the Team Obedience title shows all the exercises covered for the first three levels in only three minutes, giving a really good idea of what is involved. Fear not; you are allowed a full seven minutes for your own submission.

Bruce submitted his Boxer, Luke's video after a couple of practice sessions. Two days later, the team received notice of successfully completing the requirements for



Bruce and Luke

Obedience Team 1. Currently, Team Luke is going through the video preparation for Team 2.

Watching Bruce and Luke do the exercises, and helping Bruce with the recording got me remembering I had attempted Team 1 in the summer of 2020, with Beamer, my Border Collie.

Never submitted the video after receiving some discouraging critiques on the Fenzi Team Facebook page. Searching back through three years of Youtube videos, I found that video. After being given the go ahead from the administrator, I submitted it, figuring nothing to lose. A week later, we were notified that we too had successfully earned the Team 1 title, Beamer was 9 years old at the time of our recording. Now at twelve, his coordination has retired him.

Even nicer than the title, are the encouraging and complimentary comments the evaluators gave for each exercise for both teams.

I'd love to hear from any members who have titled or are interested in titling for Fenzi Obedience Team.

# Of Interest . . .

## CANINE SCIENCE: **Does your dog understand wolf howls?**

by Kathleen Engelmann, PhD

Synopsis of [Lehoczki, F., Andics, A., Kershenbaum, A. et al. Genetic distance from wolves affects family dogs' reactions towards howls. \*Commun Biol\* 6, 129 \(2023\)](#)

Nearly all domestic dogs are fascinated by the vocalizations made by other animals, including wolves. But do they understand what wolf howls mean? The answer seems to vary widely depending on the dog and, it would seem, how closely related that dog is to its lupine ancestors.

Fanni Lehoczki, a post-doctoral research fellow at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, and her colleagues tested this hypothesis by comparing behavioral data on how dogs respond to wolf howls to the dog's breed group.

In wolves, howling serves two functions. One is to help members of a pack find one another and the other is to maintain the boundaries of their territory and avoid contact with outsiders. If and how wolves respond to wolf howls varies with a range of factors. They can show a wide range of behaviors from increased attention to agonistic or submissive behavior. Domestication of dogs has changed how dogs communicate, for example, barking is a new behavior found in dogs but not wolves.

Dog breeds are considered 'ancient' or 'modern' depending on when the breed was selected. Ancient breeds like the Shar-Pei, Basenji, Akita, or Saluki, were bred more than 500 years ago with a focus on function and many were backcrossed with wolves during the selection process. Modern breeds have been bred for specialized purposes and appearance in the past 200 years. As a result, ancient breeds have much more genetic similarity to wolves. Lehoczki and her colleagues set out to test whether ancient breed dogs

responded differently to wolf howls compared to modern breeds.

The team conducted playback tests where recordings of both solo and chorus howls were played for the dogs. The dogs' vocal responses- howls, barks, and whine were recorded. They predicted that more ancient breeds would have more 'wolf-like' responses: more howling and less barking or whining. Because the tests were being conducted in a closed room, the dogs were also monitored for stress reactions such as yawning, mouth licking, and seeking the owner for comfort. They reasoned that ancient breed dogs would be more likely to interpret the howls to mean that they were uninvited guests in wolf pack territory and therefore more likely to experience stress.



For ancient breeds, the age of the dog is an important variable in determining how likely a dog is to howl back when it hears wolf vocalizations; younger dogs are much less likely to respond in kind to wolf howls. Modern breeds are less likely to respond by howling at

any age. The same was true for stress reactions. Older ancient breed dogs showed significantly greater stress response compared to younger ancient breed dogs or modern breed dogs, regardless of age.

This study is an important step in helping us to understand how dog communication has evolved and been influenced by domestication. Lehoczki hopes to continue this work to include variables such as socialization and the acoustic features of howls, which may also communicate information about the caller's sex, reproductive status, subspecies, or context.

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# Of Interest . . .

## CANINE SCIENCE: **The Genetics of Drug Detection**

by Kathleen Engelmann, PhD

Synopsis of [Matsumoto, Y., Konno, A., Ishihara, G. et al. Genetic dissection of behavioral traits related to successful training of drug detection dogs. \*Sci Rep\* 13, 7326 \(2023\)](#)

What genes make a great drug detection dog? That's what Miho Inoue-Murayama and colleagues at the Wildlife Research Center at Kyoto University set out to understand. They conducted a genome-wide association study to see if they could find specific genetic markers and behavioral characteristics that correlate with successful training of drug detection dogs.

They worked with a total of 624 dogs, all either purebred German Shepherds or pure-bred Labrador Retrievers, approximately 1 year old, with no prior scent work training. The training itself takes 4 months. Dogs were trained to find a range of controlled substances using positive reinforcement with social rewards. Canine trainers played tug-of-war with the dogs using a rolled towel with a target scent. The success or failure of dog training for scent work was determined by a double-blind detection test for each dog-handler pair, evaluated by an independent panel. Approximately half of the German Shepherds and one-third of the Labrador Retrievers qualified.

To quantify the behavioral characteristics of the dogs, trainers were asked to score seven traits related to the success of detection training. Dogs were assessed early in the training, to get a sense of the innate temperament of the dog prior to extensive training. The traits were: **activity** (the amount of general activity typically observed), **boldness** (low fearfulness displayed toward unfamiliar environments), **concentration** (attention span during training), **friendliness to humans** (willingness to interact with humans), **independence** (self-confidence, willingness to work without relying on humans), **interest in the target** (degree of interest in a reinforcer),

and **tolerance to dogs** (low aggressiveness towards other dogs).

In German Shepherds, the qualified group significantly differed from the unqualified group in activity, boldness, concentration, and interest in the target. In Labrador Retrievers, all traits, except friendliness to humans, differed between the two groups. Sex of the dog was not significant.



The genomic analyses looked at almost 100,000 distinct genetic markers known as SNPs or single nucleotide polymorphisms. A SNP is a single base-pair change in a genetic sequence that is found in or near a potential gene of interest. Using these data, they found that three traits with high heritability: 'qualification' and 'boldness' in German Shepherds, and 'tolerance to dogs' in Labrador Retrievers. In other words, the amount of variation in these traits was well explained by overall differences in the frequencies of the genetic markers.

They also found correlations with the trait values for 'friendliness to humans' in Labrador Retrievers and 'interest in the target' in German Shepherds to specific genetic markers, suggesting 61 possible target genes associated with these traits. Out of these 61 genes, 12 have behavioral or neurological effects in mice and will be studied further. Two of these genes influence anxiety response and novelty seeking behavior.

Currently, only 30-50% of dogs trained in drug detection are successful. This study helps us to understand which dogs are more likely to succeed in that training, both in terms of their behavior and the genes that underlie that behavior.

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# Summer Events

## Norma Smith Breed Handling Seminar

by Fran Hellman CPDT-KA, Member of Owner Handlers Association (OHA)

On September 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> PCOTC held a Breed Handling Seminar presented by Professional Handler Norma Smith. This well-attended seminar included handlers of all levels of experience, but mostly beginners to the sport. I was amazed at how beginners went from hardly any knowledge of showing a dog to showing as though they had shown for a long time. I was shocked to learn that the owner who won the Best in Beginner Class had only just started to show her dog! It was impressive to see how Norma was able to help owners of unruly dogs. By the end of the weekend there was a vast improvement. It was great to see these dogs move around the ring so well behaved, and their owners' looks of delight. Norma's seminar was very helpful to experienced handlers as well. These handlers learned how to improve their performance by learning correct ways to show and to be aware of old incorrect habits.

I want to thank the Port Chester Obedience Training Club for giving me the opportunity to hold this successful seminar. Many have benefited because of this wonderful club!



Top, L to R: Conformation mock trial; Fran Hellman and Norma Smith; Lining up for judge's examination; Middle, L to R: Best in Seminar and First Place Advanced, Laura Glynn and Chase; First Place Beginner, Eileen D'Ercole and Gordi; Most Improved, Lyn Bianchi and Smudge; Best Dressed, Kathie Jochen and Bandit; Bottom: Norma Smith, Fran Hellman, and a happy, well-dressed group of handlers. Photos courtesy of Morgiaána Menzel and Fran Hellman

# Summer Events

## Frankie Joris Trick - Training Like the Stars

*by Morgaána Menzel*

On Sunday, August 27th PCOTC had the pleasure of hosting a fantastic all day interactive workshop “Trick Training Like the Stars” with professional theatrical animal trainer and dog sport competitor Frankie Joris.

Drawing from over 40 years as an animal trainer, Frankie’s approach to canine education is to enhance our conversation with our dog, and enjoy the process while expanding both our own and our dog’s skills. This trick seminar focused on finding stuff that works best for each team, and creating trick routines for the teams that participated.

In addition to learning new tricks, the basic concepts learned were useful and applicable for your team's training toolbox in agility, obedience, rally and just everyday life with your dogs!

PCOTC and the participating teams of this event wish to thank Frankie Joris for a fun-filled day full of learning and creativity.



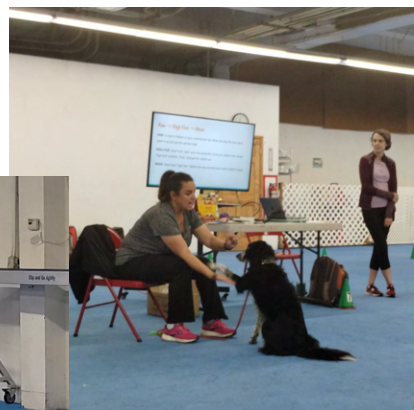
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# Summer Events

## Play Your Way to Good Manners

by Jeanne Meldrim

On August 13th PCOTC had a Play Your Way to Good Manners seminar with Kate Naito and Sarah Westcott. The seminar featured strategies for impulse control, outdoors, indoors and around distractions, polite leash walking, greeting guests, tricks and games to encourage good manners. Two sessions of this seminar filled with long waitlists, so we will be offering it again in the future in case you missed it.



Photos courtesy of Jeanne Meldrim

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# Family Additions

## VIOLET

**Violet** joined our family a few months ago. She is an 8-year-old female Pit Bull Terrier who was left tied to the fence of a local shelter. She came with a LOT of obedience training and is adding therapy dog and Nosework training to her vast stores of knowledge. She is the sweetest thing ever, and the first dog I've ever adopted who is actually perfect. No issues whatsoever. Wow! Here's Violet with my 5-year-old granddaughter watching Jack frolic. – *Dena Domenicali*



# Glad Tales

## Skye Earns "Clean Sweep" Medal

Skye earned his NA and NAJ this year (our first--yay!). Skye also earned his "Clean Sweep" medal for his first season in the Agility League (on the PCOTC Party Animals freshman team)! – *Renée Ehle*

Skye NA and NAJ



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# Sad Tales



## TARA

**Tara** (Diamonds Gone with the Wind, CGC) my exuberant Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier was put to sleep on June 29<sup>th</sup> from melanoma just shy of her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. She enjoyed the classes she took at PCOTC – family manners, obedience, rally, and utility. She is terribly missed and will always remain in our hearts.

– *Lorraine Laken*

# AKC Delegate's Report

by Kathy Gregory, PCOTC AKC Delegate

## **AKC Delegate's Report 2nd Quarter 2023**

**Rally Choice Class:** All clubs licensed to offer AKC Rally events will be required to offer this class for all events occurring June 29 or later.

**Updated Site Requirements, May 2023:** Clubs using a new site to hold Obedience and Rally events will no longer need to submit paperwork to Companion Events Department for approval. Further site requirements have been updated and specified in the [AKC Obedience/Rally Trial Manual](#) at Sections 4-32 and 10-74.

**Rally Scheduling Improvements:** The following recommendations for scheduling Rally events may go to the AKC Board in August: 1) Walkthroughs shortened to 8 mins. plus 2 mins. for the first dog to be at the gate 2) Less than 10 dogs entered in a class or a combined A & B class, 5-min. walkthrough plus 2 mins. for the first dog to the gate 3) A and B classes required to be judged by the same judge 4) Require the same start time to be listed for A and B classes. The AKC Rally [Judging Time Calculator Worksheet](#) was updated in April 2023.

**Judges Education Obedience:** Judge's Seminar courses 1 to 3 were launched in March. Course 4 is expected by the end of June. Diane Schultz, Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking presented an Obedience Q&A webinar and a Design and Course Setup webinar, both available on the AKC Education webpage.

**Gently talking to your dog in Obedience Beginner Novice and Novice classes:** The Committee was asked about allowing participants to praise and

encourage their dogs calmly and quietly in Obedience Beginner Novice and Novice A classes. The Committee has requested additional time to discuss. It was presented to the Committee that there be a Beginner Novice Excellent (BNX) class as a transitional class aimed at and for the Regular Novice and Preferred Novice classes. A discussion was held concerning displaceable high jumps. Motion was made and carried to send a letter to the Board in support of displaceable high jumps with no request for 5 foot width.

**Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work:** Bob LaBerge discussed a virtual Herding program. Earthdog entries are up 28.5%. Fast CAT needs clarification on what elimination entails. Scent Work, handler discrimination class and the size of the material used for the hides was discussed. Lure Coursing starting issues were discussed including questions about intact mixed breeds that are qualified to run, handling reactive dogs in the release area, and conduct of the people in the catch area. Statistics are all up except for Herding and Lure Coursing.

### **Increase in number of entries by sport from January to April 2023 compared to 2022:**

Agility: 1.3%  
Scent Work: 16.1%  
Fast CAT: 19.3%  
Rally: 15.5%  
Obedience: 5.35%

### **2024 National Competition Dates**

AKC National Agility Championship, March 14-17 in Perry, GA  
AKC Rally National Championship (RNC), July 18-19, Wilmington, OH  
AKC National Obedience Championship (NOC) July 20-21, Wilmington, OH.

# OUR STARS

*New Titles and Honors Reported by Members from April 1, 2023 to October 1, 2023*

## **AGILITY TITLES**

### American Kennel Club (AKC)

#### **Novice Agility (NA)**

5/14/23 Renee Ehle, Skye Fox Boon to the Bronx. "Skye," Shetland Sheepdog

5/29/22 Deborah Salerno, Dallas' Bleu Spur of the Moment, "Spur," Aussie

#### **Novice Agility Jumper (NAJ)**

4/30/22 Deborah Salerno, Dallas' Bleu Spur of the Moment, "Spur," Aussie

5/14/23 Renee Ehle, Skye Fox Boon to the Bronx. "Skye," Shetland Sheepdog

#### **Master Excellent Jumper Preferred (MJP)**

6/9/23 Sarah Johnson, Mitey Hazel Nut, "Hazel," All American

#### **Master Agility Excellent Preferred (MXP)**

8/26/23 Sarah Johnson, Mitey Hazel Nut, "Hazel," All American

#### **Master FAST Preferred (MFP)**

9/9/23 Michelle Trummer, Win Winter Solstice, CDX BN RM2 RAE3 AX AXJ MXP MJP MXF CGC TKN, "Winter," Shetland Sheepdog

### Canine Performance Events (CPE)

#### **Agility Trial Champion - C-ATCH**

7/29/23 Lyn Bianchi, Highwood's River Rat, "Stryker," Norwich Terrier

#### **Speedway - C-SWE**

6/4/23 Deborah Salerno, Dallas' Bleu Spur of the Moment, "Spur," Aussie

6/27/23 Deborah Salerno, Dallas' Bleu Spur of the Moment, "Spur," Aussie

8/14/22 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls My Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

#### **Speedway Pro - C-SWP**

6/4/23 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls My Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

7/16/23 Deborah Salerno, Dallas' Bleu Spur Of The Moment NA NAJ OF TKN, "Spur," Aussie

#### **Speedway Master - CWM**

8/12/23 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls My Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

### UK Agility International (UKI)

#### **International Novice Dog (IND)**

9/2/23 Stephen McKay, Bare Cove Hair Force One, "Tease," Shetland Sheepdog

## **BARN HUNT**

### Barn Hunt Association (BHA)

#### **Instinct (RAT1)**

5/22/22 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls My Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MA

#### **Novice (RATN)**

6/17/22 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls My Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

#### **Open (RATO)**

8/21/22 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls My Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

#### **Senior Barn Hunt (RATS)**

8/26/23 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls Angel In Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

#### **Master Elite Champion (REMX6)**

5/14/23 Jeanne Meldrim, D'Meldrim's Axe du Dantero, "Axe," Belgian Malinois

#### **Crazy 8s Platinum 4 Gold (CZ8P4G)**

7/3/23 Jeanne Meldrim, D'Meldrim's Axe du Dantero, "Axe," Belgian Malinois

## **CONFORMATION TITLES**

### American Kennel Club (AKC)

#### **Best Puppy in Show**

6/24/23 Katherine Jochen, Abington's Bandit Steals the Show, "Bandit," Old English Sheepdog

6/25/23 Katherine Jochen, Abington's Bandit Steals the Show, "Bandit," Old English Sheepdog

#### **Puppy of Achievement**

8/6/23 Katherine Jochen, Abington's Bandit Steals the Show, "Bandit," Old English Sheepdog

#### **Silver Owner Handler**

6/24/23 Katherine Jochen, GCH CH Deja Blu Alexandra The Great Blu Moon FDC SIN ATT, "Alex," Old English Sheepdog

#### **Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)**

(Golden Retriever Club of America)

6/25/23 June Moskovitz, Cayberry Brings A Gift of Light to Juneper, "Dolly," Golden Retriever

# OUR STARS

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## **Puppy Herding Group First Place** (Greenwich Kennel Club)

6/10/23 Betsy Schwartz, Bizzeeboots Dream On, "Aero," Old English Sheepdog

## **Puppy Best of Breed** (Greenwich Kennel Club)

6/10/23 Betsy Schwartz, Bizzeeboots Dream On, "Aero," Old English Sheepdog

## **Variety Group Beginner Puppy Third Prize**

(Greenwich Kennel Club)

6/11/23 Betsy Schwartz, Bizzeeboots Dream On, "Aero," Old English Sheepdog

## **COURSING TITLES**

### **AKC FastCAT (BCAT)**

6/11/23 Hanna Vanderloop, "Matcha," All American

## **NOSE WORK / SCENT WORK TITLES**

### American Kennel Club (AKC)

#### **Scent Work Interior Novice (SIN)**

5/14/23 Katherine Jochen, GCH CH Deja Blu Alexandra The Great Blu Moon FDC SIN ATT, "Alex," Old English Sheepdog

### National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW)

#### **Nose Work 1 (NW1)**

6/4/23 Jeanne & Michael Turschmann, BluLake Isle of Innisfree CGC TKN, "Ronan," Kerry Blue Terrier

9/16/23 Deedie Domenicali, Johnnie Lee Miller, "Jack," All American

#### **Nose Work 3 (NW3)**

5/13/23 Carolyn Ripps, Reinwood Hearts Entertained, "Frodo," Pembroke Welsh Corgi

## **OBEDIENCE TITLES**

### American Kennel Club (AKC)

#### **Beginner Novice (BN)**

2/19/23 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

4/16/23 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

#### **Companion Dog (CD)**

6/25/22 Bruce Sheffler, Hancock's Look at Luke CD RN TKN, "Luke," Boxer

7/30/23 Susan Sperling, Epione Shes a Home Run

Wigglebutt, "Lucy," Miniature American Shepherd

7/30/23 Jeanne & Michael Turschmann, BluLake Isle of

Innisfree CGC TKN, "Ronan," Kerry Blue Terrier

#### **Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)**

6/25/22 Joanne Sheffler, Blumoon Shine a Luna Light CDX RN TKA, "Luna," Sheltie

### ASCA

#### **Beginner Novice (BN)**

3/11/23 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

3/12/23 Deborah Salerno, Waterfalls Angel in Disguise, "TheROCK," MAS

## **AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN**

### **Canine Good Citizen (CGC)**

6/26/23 Tania Saiz, "Stevie Nicks," Mixed breed: Australian Cattle Dog/Corgi

### **Advanced Canine Good Citizen (CGCA)**

6/26/23 Tania Saiz, "Stevie Nicks," Mixed breed: Australian Cattle Dog/Corgi

## **AKC PUPPY PROGRAM**

### **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy**

4/29/23 Betsy Schwartz, Bizzeeboots Dream On, "Aero," Old English Sheepdog

6/22/23 Katherine Jochen, Abington's Bandit Steals the Show, "Bandit," Old English Sheepdog

9/17/23 Michelle Trummer, Kernel Corn, "Kernel," Shetland Sheepdog

## **THERAPY DOG**

### Pet Partners

#### **Registered Therapy Dog**

5/10/23 Betsy Schwartz, Bizzeeboots Moondust Eleanor, "Ellie," Old English Sheepdog

## **TRICK DOG**

### American Kennel Club (AKC)

#### **Novice Trick Dog (TKN)**

8/8/23 Tania Saiz, "Stevie Nicks," Mixed breed: Australian Cattle Dog/Corgi